(c) Under the provisions of the scheme, States are required to submit a Quarterly Progress Report which includes information on utilization of funds.

(d) According to information available Rs. 2654 lakhs have been utilised by the state Governments under this Scheme.

Statement

S.No.	Name of State/UT	No. of CTEs/ IASES sanctioned during during VIII Plan	Amount sanctioned for CTEs/IASEs VIII Plan (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	13	549.34
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	-	-
3.	Assam	7	203.31
4.	Bihar	2	63.90
5.	Goa	-	-
6.	Gujarat	1	56.00
7.	Haryana	-	-
8.	Himachal Pradesh	1	48.00
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	2	149.00
10.	Karnataka	8	515.24
11.	Kerala	2	103.86
12.	Madhya Pradesh	10	352.75
13.	Maharashtra	-	-
14.	Manipur	1	40.50
15.	Meghalaya	2	69.00
16.	Mizoram	-	-
17.	Nagaland	1	40.50
18.	Orissa	4	542.00
19.	Punjab	-	20.00
20.	Rajasthan	7	530.51
21.	Sikkim	-	-
22.	Tamil Nadu	-	92.50
23.	Tripura	1	43.25
24.	Uttar Pradesh	3	189.00
25.	West Bengal	2	53.25
26.	Andman & Nicobar Islands	-	-
27.	Chandigarh	-	-
28.	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	-	-
29.	Daman & Diu	-	-
30.	Delhi	-	141.37
31.	Lakshadweed	-	-
32.	Pondicherry	-	-
	Total :	67	3803.28

Ship Building and Repairing Units

2246. SHRI JAYANTA BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to set up ship building and repairing units at Haldia in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Funds to UGC

2247. DR. PRABIN CHANDRA SARMA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the funds allocated to University Grants Commission for further allocation to Universities/ Colleges during each of the last three years;

(b) whether there has been gradual decline in the share of funds corresponding to the ever increasing number of Institutions, Colleges and Universities;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the concrete steps taken/being taken to achieve the excellence in higher education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) Plan grants allocated to UGC in 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 are as under :—

	(Rs. in crore)
1994-95	Rs. 234.20
1995-96	Rs. 207.77
1996-97	Rs. 200.63

The grants provided by the Government to UGC for disbursement to the eligible universities and colleges have been steadily increasing from Plan to Plan. The Government has provided an amount fo Rs. 921.24 crores to UGC during 1992-93 to 1996-97 as against a sum fo Rs. 576.00 crores released in 7th Plan.

(d) The Government and UGC have taken several measures to achieve excellence in higher education. Some of the major steps taken in this direction are as follows :—

- Revision of pay scales of college and university teachers w.e.f. 1.1.1986. Opportunities provided for training and career advancement for teachers. All-India Eligibility Test introduced to attract best talent to the teaching profession.

- Academic staff colleges established for re-orientation of newly appointed university and college teachers.
- 27 Curriculum Development Centres in Sciences and Humanities established to modernise curricula. Model curricula has been prepared for 27 disciplines in under-graduate and post-graduate courses.
- Financial assistance provided by UGC for improvement of teaching and research under Special Assistance Programmes.
- Inter-University Centres established by UGC to provide front-line facilities and services for advancement of research in the university system.
- Higher priority given to grant of autonomy to selected colleges.
- Guidelines for implementation of and Academic Calender circulated. These guidelines emphasize observance of at least 180 teaching days by universities/ colleges.
- Regulations for minimum standards for the award of first degree, minimum working days etc. notified by UGC.

[Translation]

Navodaya Vidyalaya in Ghatampur

2248. SHRIMATI KAMAL RANI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to set up Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya at Ghatampur in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) A proposal for opening of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya at Village Jaghagirabad, Tehsil Ghatampur alongwith some other alternative sites, in District Kanpur Dehat was received from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh. This proposal is however not as per norms of the Samiti in respect of temporary accommodation. State Government has been reguested to send a suitable proposal fulfilling Samiti's requirements.

[English]

Indians in the Jails of Gulf Countries

2249. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that large number of Indians are languishing in various jails of Gulf countries; and

(b) if so, the number of such Indians Country-wise?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) and (b) Government are aware that a number of Indian nationals are in jail in Gulf countries. According to our records, as on 30.11.1996 the country-wise break up of Indians in jails in Gulf countries is as follows :

1.	Bahrain	82
2.	Iraq	3
3.	Kuwait	135
4.	Oman	38
5.	Qatar	383
6.	Saudi Arabia	1169
7.	U A E	144
8.	Yemen	3

[Translation]

Conference on Reservation in Delhi University

2250. SHRI RAMASHRAYA PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any conference on reservation in Delhi University organised in December, 1996 or January, 1997; and

(b) the decisions taken in the said conference and the outlines of their implementaion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Project on Construction Engineering

2251. SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Central Soil and Materials Research Station, Delhi has awarded a project on Construction Engineering to Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi;